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Title: **AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER**

To: Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated 07/08/2004:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Original) An automated bottle opener comprising:
2 a casing with a receiving area to receive a bottle,
3 a plunger assembly to apply downward pressure on a top of a bottle cap of said
4 bottle, and
5 a rotator assembly to rotate said bottle cap; wherein
6 said casing comprises a means to secure a bottom of said bottle, and
7 said rotator assembly comprises a means to secure said top of said bottle cap; such
8 that
9 during an opening process initiated by a user moving a selector in a first direction, a
10 body of said bottle is prevented from rotating, and said rotator assembly rotates said bottle
11 cap while said plunger assembly simultaneously applies pressure to said top of said bottle
12 cap, thereby removing said bottle cap from said bottle, and